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SUBJ: INTELSAT CONSIDERATION OF SHUTTLE AND ARIANE LAUNCH VEHICLES

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1. ECONOFF PRESENTED AIDE-MEMOIRE BASED ON REF TO ARTHUR
ITUASSU, ACTING SECRETARY FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS IN MINISTRY
OF COMMUNICATIONS, ON JAN 18. (COPY ALSO LEFT WITH FONMIN
U.S. DESK.) ITUASSU EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR ADDITIONAL
INFORMATION ON NASA SHUTTLE PROGRAM AND SAID THAT BOTH THE
MINISTRY AND "EMBRATEL" N GOB-CONTROLLED TELECOMMUNICATIONS
ENTERPRISE WHICH REPRESENTS BRAZIL ON INTELSAT BOARD OF GOVERNORS,
HAVE BEEN STUDYING THE ISSUE AND HAVE ALREADY DRAWN UP SEVERAL
PAPERS ON THE ATTRIBUTES AND ADVANTAGES OF BOTH THE SHUTTLE
AND ARIANE.

2. ITUASSU EXPLAINED THAT THE MINISTRY GENERALLY GIVES EMBRATEL
AMPLE DECISION MAKING AUTHORITY IN FORMULATING GOB POSITIONS
ON ISSUES PRESENTED BEFORE THE INTELSAT BOARD. IN THIS CASE,
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THE MINISTRY WILL SUBMIT ITS "SUGGESTIONS" TO EMBRATEL IN THE
FORM OF A PAPER TO BE PREPARED BY ITUASSU FOR APPROVAL BY
THE MINISTRY'S SECRETARY-GENERAL, AND WILL BE FORWARDED TO
EMBRATEL WITH A COPY OF OUR AIDE-MEMOIRE. THE FINAL DECISION,
HOWEVER, RESTS WITH EMBRATEL. WHILE MAKING NO OFFICIAL COMMENT
ON EITHER THE SHUTTLE OR ARIANE, ITUASSU INDICATED TO ECONOFF
THAT BOTH THE MINISTRY AND EMBRATEL TEND TO FAVOR SELECTION OF

THE SHUTTLE CRAFT FOR THE ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL REASONS
CITED IN THE AIDE-MEMOIRE.

3. COMMENT: ITUASSU VOLUNTEERED TO ECONOFF THAT HE WAS UNAWARE
OF ANY SIMILAR EFFORT BY THE FRENCH TO OBTAIN GOB SUPPORT FOR
THE ARIANE IN INTELSAT, BUT OPINED THAT HE EXPECTED ONE SINCE
THE GOB SPACE AGENCY (COBAE) SIGNED AN AGREEMENT WITH THE ESA
LAST YEAR WHICH INVOLVES, AMONG OTHER THINGS, BRAZILIAN
PARTICIPATION IN THE ARIANE PROJECT.
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